



Armada Fair Reminders

Important Swine Information: Due to the recent discovery of pseudorabies (PRV) in swine from several facilities in Michigan, measures to once again are implemented to protect Michigan's swine herd. Therefore, a decision has been made that all swine that enter the fair when removed shall be moved directly to a livestock auction market or slaughter facility premises for disposition in accordance with applicable laws. In other words, people who bring swine on the fairgrounds will not be allowed to take them home even if they are just entering them for showmanship or the petting farm. It will be a terminal fair.

Tagging: Tagging for market poultry and market rabbits will be Sunday July 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Armada Fairgrounds. All market poultry and market rabbits need to be tagged at that time. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Armada Fair Grounds Clean Up: Currently, the annual fairgrounds clean up will be Saturday August 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday August 3 from noon to 4 p.m. However, a date in mid July may replace the Sunday, August 3rd date to do some needed work on the horse stalls and building set ups. More information will come in our e-mail updates once this is finalized. All clubs that participate in fair should be there to help with the clean up. Wear work clothes, bring shovels, rakes, garden tools, paint scrapers, brooms, dust pans, dust rags (and anything else you can think of to use to spruce up the grounds and barns). This counts towards community service and certificates will be given.

Sunday Judging will take place on Sunday, August 10. 4-H Superintendents should arrive by 9:30 a.m., judges and teen clerks by 10:30 a.m., lunch and judging review will be from 11 a.m. to noon and club judging from noon to 4 p.m. Clubs do not need to sign up for a time slot. All 4-H members should arrive early enough so they will complete the judging process by 4 p.m.

4-H Court : All youth who are running for 4-H King and Queen need to have their applications into the Macomb County MSUE 4-H office by July 1 at 5 p.m. Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday July 23 at Wolcott Farm. Leaders need to register King and Queen Candidates on their fair registration form under Department Y. Contact Jenna Lotan if you have any questions at 586-781-7081.

Club Displays: Remember club displays for all the animal areas as well as for the 4-H Exhibit Building go on the club leader's 4-H fair registration form. Displays are judged based on their originality/creativity, promotion of 4-H, educational content, name and photo of members, 4-H theme expressed effectively and community service (exhibit building only) or care/cleanliness of animals and isle/stall cleanliness (for animal areas only). The 2008 4-H Theme is "Michigan 4-H's 100th Birthday Bash Celebration".

Exhibit Building: If your club has not signed up yet to help monitor 4-H Exhibit building, don't delay. This is an opportunity to do demonstrations, activities, and promote your club and 4-H. Contact Kathy Jamieson at 586-469-6431 to sign up for a time slot for your club.

Petting Farm Fundraiser: This one and only fundraiser for our county 4-H program pays for scholarships for youth to attend Expo Days, Livestock Camp, National 4-H Congress, Capitol Experience, Focus Washington, Kettunen Center workshops, various county workshops,. Contact Mike Cobbett @ 810-395-7333 to sign up to help.

Write an Essay, Win a Horse!

Fran Reygaert of the Armada Fair Board is once again giving away a one-year-old registered Halflinger gelding with all shots, including Coggins tests. An essay contest will be conducted to determine who will take home this generous prize.

To apply, you must:

1. Be a current Macomb County 4-H member
2. Write a one-page essay describing why you want a Halflinger and how you plan on caring for it
3. Submit your essay by Friday, July 18, 2008, to

Tina Fleming, Youth Educator
MSU Extension - Macomb County
21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12
Clinton Township, MI 48036

The horse will be awarded at the Armada Fair on Wednesday, August 13, 2008.

Splash the Night Away!!

4-H'ers and friends, come join us for a night of fun in Frankenmuth on Friday July 18. Stay up all night (11 p.m. until 7 a.m.), have a blast in the water park, enjoy the hospitality suites (watch movies, games) check out the arcade, meet new people at the pizza party and continental breakfast and learn about water safety. 4-H members receive all this for only \$40 per youth and \$50 for non 4-H youth. Chaperones attend free. For more information, call Amy Pratt at 586-876-6215. Registration forms are available on the Macomb County 4-H website at <http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension>.

A minimum of 90 people must attend in order to make this event happen, so don't delay. Register today!



Club & Committee News

Clever Clovers Clean Up

The Clever Clovers 4-H Club worked in cleaning the Earth and our community for Earth Day. The club decided to clean up the streets around the road that we adopted. People were thankful and it looked nice without garbage laying in the ditches. Someone even wrote a letter and posted it in the newspaper thanking our club. That made us feel good that other people noticed our Earth Day work and we had fun doing it.

We love to volunteer at Wolcott Farm and help out for their events. The Waterstraats just helped plant pumpkins at the farm for people to enjoy later in the year, and we are going to help for their Country Fair coming up on June 21 & 22.

We've made some really cool projects too. We went to Sheepy Hollow and made some wool covered soap and were taught to paint with watercolors by Mrs. Clough (she's an artist). We are raising our animals - goats, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, pigs and getting ready for the fair.

We are really busy but having a lot of fun. We have Cole and Melissa running for King and Queen this year, so that will be exciting and getting all our projects judged and working at the fair is the best. See you at the Armada Fair.

Submitted by Haley Waterstraat

Another Year of Mentoring Completed by Clintondale High School Students



Clintondale M & Ms ended their year with bowling and pizza. Pictured, from left to right, are mentees Charles Butler and Jordan Jackson, and school partner Gerri Brown.

"Today is the last day for mentoring?", "What?!", "I don't want mentoring to be over!" These were the comments made by the students in the Mentor Mentee Program (M&M), at Clintondale High School.

May 28th concluded the school-based mentor program at Robbie Hall Parker Elementary School where high schoolers from Clintondale have been mentoring all year. Mentors and mentees have supported each other through numerous educational, social and recreational activities. Some say, "...it hasn't been easy", but others definitely found it to be worthwhile. To commemorate their time together, students had an afternoon of bowling, pizza, and fun!

The Clintondale M&M Program will resume in July and end in August with a six weeks summer day camp in the neighborhood. For more information, contact Bee Brown, (586) 469-7432 or Dee Ewald, (586) 469-7616.

Local Youth Participate in 2008 Art Exchange with China

Since 1991, the 4-H Children's Art Exchange has asked Michigan children to create "visual letters" to send to children their own age in China. A visual letter, or picture, is similar to a written letter in that both tell stories, share important ideas and feelings and connect children on two sides of the globe.

Thousands of children from across Michigan participated in the Michigan 4-H Children's Art Exchange with China from September 2007 through April 2008. More than 400 of those were chosen to be sent to Michigan State University in May. Of the 400 plus pieces of art, 64 were selected to be sent to Shandong Province.

Artwork created by Clayton Gamrat, Madison Paton, Aaliyah Rush, Nygel Sejismundo, Joseph Solowczuk from (Ewell Elementary in Utica), Lidjon Devole, Sophia Simbeni (West Utica Elementary) and Bailey Bonacorsi from (Cheyenne Elementary in Clinton Township) was recently selected to represent Michigan in Binshou City, Shandong Province. Their artwork and others will be exhibited in schools in the eastern province of China.

In addition to the above selected, there were many other children who submitted beautiful artwork that represented Macomb County at Michigan State University. Congratulations to all the participants who submitted artwork.

Through the 4-H Children's Art Exchange, children in grades K-6 are asked to communicate something important in their lives in a painting or drawing. Participants learn about China through Chinese children's art, including language, natural science, family, home, school, geography and the arts. They learn how to look at and talk about art, and discover the many similarities between children in Michigan and China. All the Michigan children's artwork becomes part of an online art exhibit which can be viewed over the summer at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/chinapro.html>. For more information about the 4-H Art Exchange and other 4-H programs, contact the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office at 586-469-6431.

Judging Team Brings Home Ribbons

Hard work paid off for the members of the Macomb County 4-H Judging Team. Under the direction of Lucy Brown, the team met weekly to review films, movies, and educational material to learn about horse judging. Clinics were held at Hox Acres and MacErin Equestrian Centre for these future judges to apply their knowledge during a mock show.

The season culminated at Michigan State's Jamboree on April 19 with all members placing. Coach Brown was very pleased with the team's performance and looks forward to next year.

Submitted by Anita Cipa

Upcoming Events

Michigan Make It With Wool Competition

The Michigan Make It With Wool competition will be held October 11, 2008 during the 4-H Clothing & Textile workshop at Kettunen Center. The objectives of this contest are to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarns, to develop and recognize creative skills, being responsible for yourself, being a good sport, accepting a judge's decisions and behavioral assets like appreciating diversity.

Age categories include pre-teens (age 12 and under), juniors (ages 13-16), seniors (ages 17-24), adults (ages 25 and over) and 'made for others' (any age). The category you enter will be determined by your age as of December 31, 2008. The deadline to enter is September 20, 2008.

For more information, contact Terry Cook at 734-475-0152 or tcCook@umich.edu. The junior and senior state winners will advance to the national level of competition that will be held January 22-24, 2009 in San Diego, CA.

4-H Youth Conservation Council

Macomb County youths, ages 13-19, interested in learning about local environmental issues and influencing public policy are invited to be part of a 4-H Youth Conservation Council. Council members will learn team building, leadership and life skills while participating in science-based research on conservation issues and will be providing a "youth voice" at city, township or county government meetings. Anyone interested in participating should contact Mary Gerstenberger at 586-469-6430 or e-mail gerste10@msue.edu.

Part-time Job Opportunities

Westview Orchards and Cider Mill is looking for individuals ages 16 or older to work part-time this fall as a petting barn assistant, corn maze wagon greeter, admission and/or food salesperson, or parking lot assistant. Wages start at \$7.25 depending on experience. If you would like an application and interview, call Katrina Schumacher at 586-752-3123 ext. 5.

State 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest

Participants of the State 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest (ages 9+) can enhance their livestock evaluation and selection skills. The contest will be held July 15th at MSU. Register by July 3, 2008. Details are online at <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids> or by calling Kathy Jamieson, 586-469-6431.

Get Ready For Re-Enrollment

Enrollment for 2008-09 will begin September 1st. Club enrollment packets will be available for General Leaders to pick up at the Armada Fair. The packets will be in the 4-H Barn. Please notify the 4-H staff by August 8th if you prefer to pick up your packet at the MSU Extension Office in Clinton Township. Call (586) 469-6431 or e-mail Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov.

Nominate a Volunteer of the Month

Do you know someone that stands out among other people? When you are in need of someone to get a job done, does a certain person come to mind? If you answered yes to either of these questions then it is time to nominate that person for 4-H Volunteer of the month. Nominating someone as 4-H Volunteer of the Month is an opportunity to recognize that individual for outstanding contribution and dedication to 4-H Youth Development. 4-H could not happen if it were not for the efforts of many volunteers, so let's give credit where credit is due!

To nominate someone to receive the 4-H Volunteer of the Month Award, complete the 4-H Volunteer of the Month Nomination Form (online at <http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/Clubs.htm>, click on "Forms" and scroll down to "County Awards Forms") and send it (along with the nominee's picture) to Macomb MSU Extension, Attn: 4-H, 21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036.

Free Fabric for Sewing Projects

The 4-H Office has received a donation of vintage 60's and 70's fabric from the "Polyester Years". COME AND GET IT! You can't find stuff like this anymore. Call Anne Crotser at 586-469-6431.

Petting Farm Meeting

The first and only 4-H Petting Farm meeting will be August 2, 2008 at 11 a.m. at the Wolcott Farm Learning Center. This meeting is open to all who are interested in working with the petting farm animals at the Armada Fair. Call Cheryl Donovan for more information, 586-784-4042.

Money Management Classes

MSU Extension will be holding a Money Management class designed to help people clean up their credit and save for a down payment on a home. The free, eight-week course will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, September 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, at the VerKuilen Building, 21885 Dunham Rd., Clinton Township, MI 48036. Call 586-469-6430 to register. Visit the web at <http://www.smumoneywise.org> for more information.

Foreclosure Workshop

MSU Extension is sponsoring a foreclosure workshop on July 23, 2008 at Warren City Hall, 1 City Square, Warren, MI 48093, from 6:30-9 p.m. If you are worried about losing your home, learn all you can as soon as you can. Come to a free workshop to learn about choices you can make, timelines that matter, and resources to help. Many people in Michigan are in a home ownership crisis.

Get the facts so that you can make the best decision for your family to keep your home, sell your home, or let the foreclosure proceed. Register by calling (586) 469-6430.



2008 4-H Fair Theme:

**"Michigan 4-H's 100th
Birthday Bash Celebration"**

**2009 4-H Leader Meet
January 17, 2009
Frankenmuth, MI**

*Details
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soon!*

Notes from the 4-H Office

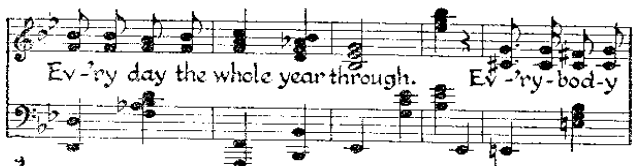
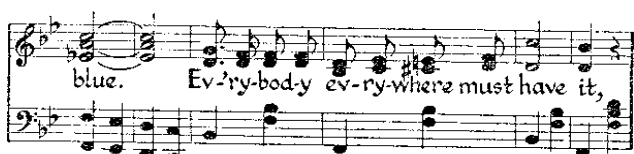
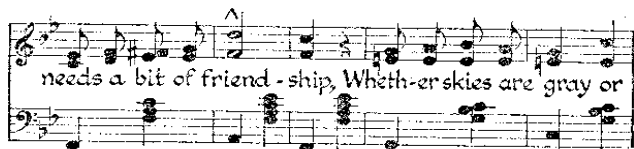
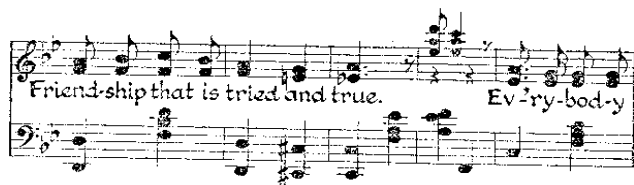
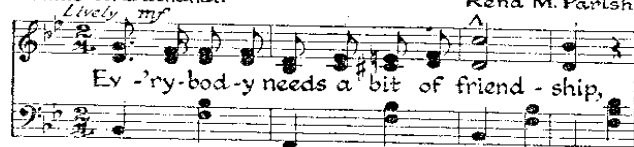
(((((((4-H Flashback))))))))

While visiting her mother in Ohio, Anne Crotser came across a small songbook called "Buckeye Ballads" published in 1953 in honor of Ohio 4-H's 50th Anniversary. Included were five songs published with the permission of the National 4-H Club Committee. We are reproducing the "Four-H Friendship Song" in this issue of 4-H Family Notes.

Four - H Friendship Song

Fannie R. Buchanan

Rena M. Parlish



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The Important Things Are Not Ribbons

There once was a boy, won ribbons, mostly blue
Came home from the fair, with a big trophy too.
With a voice glad and proud, he said to his dad,
"Tis the very best year that I've ever had."
Said his very wise dad, "Son, I'd like to hear,
Why you think this was such a fine year."

"Why, Dad you know, all the prizes I've won;
How I've come out on top, in most things I've done.
Just look at the ribbons that hang on my wall
And think of the money I've made since last fall.
From premium checks, and a big auction price
You can't help but think cash and ribbons are nice."

But the man said, "My son, you're not thinking right.
Blue ribbons, 'tis true are better than white;
But ribbons will fade and trophies grow old,
Money's soon spent, and fame soon grows cold.
The important things, son, are not ribbons or pins,
And sometimes it's really the loser who wins;
Now here are the things, most important, it's true
Your 4-H experience has accomplished for you."

"You've seen how a business meeting is run;
This knowledge will help you in years to come.
You've conquered the fear of addressing a crowd,
You've learned how to stand up and talk nice and loud."

"Patience you've learned, in your projects, too,
As well as your skills, that will always help you.
You've learned to cooperate with majority rule,
To give in with grace and not be a fool,
Who must always have his very own way.
Be it in club work, in school or at play,
You've learned how to lose, without making a 'beef'
You know the judge judges on her best belief.
You've learned how to win, without boasting too loud,
A kid can lose friends, if he's overly proud."

"These are the things, most important to you.
You'll remember and use them all your life through.
They'll help you become a mighty fine man.
They'll do more for you, than any prize can."

— Anonymous

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